

House Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 8, 2011

House Resolution No. 6—Relative to Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has
2 designated the week of March 6 to March 12, 2011, inclusive, as
3 National Problem Gambling Awareness Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
5 Californians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all
6 communities and has a significant societal and economic cost; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals, professionals, and organizations within
8 California have come together to educate the public about the
9 negative impacts of problem gambling behavior and the availability
10 and effectiveness of treatment services; and

11 WHEREAS, Treatment for problem gamblers and those affected
12 by problem gambling behavior is effective and minimizes the harm
13 to individuals and to society as a whole; and

14 WHEREAS, Calls to the statewide toll-free helpline,
15 1-800-GAMBLER, have increased by 44 percent since the creation
16 of the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling within the
17 State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs in 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
19 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
20 Commission, the California State Lottery, the California Gaming
21 Association, and the California Tribal Business Alliance have
22 joined the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling within
23 the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and the

1 California Council on Problem Gambling in a concerted effort to
2 promote problem gambling prevention and treatment programs;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
5 week of March 6 to March 12, 2011, inclusive, be recognized as
6 Problem Gambling Awareness Week and the agencies and
7 organizations described above be commended for their concerted
8 effort to raise public awareness of problem gambling; and be it
9 further

10 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.